

## REMARKS

This application has been reviewed in light of the Office Action dated April 29, 2008. Claims 10-13 are presented for examination, of which Claims 10, 12 and 13 are in independent form. Claims 10, 12 and 13 have been amended to define still more clearly what Applicant regards as his invention. Favorable reconsideration is requested.

Claims 10-13 have been rejected under 35 U.S.C. § 103(a) as being obvious from U.S. Patents 5,414,525 (Ito), 5,819,261 (Takahashi), U.S. Patent 5,488,488 (Shimizu) and 6,453,131 (Sasai) taken in combination.

As shown above, Applicant has amended independent Claims 10, 12 and 13 in terms that more clearly define what he regards as his invention. Applicant submits that these amended independent claims, together with dependent Claim 11, are patentably distinct from the cited prior art for at least the following reasons.

Independent Claim 10 is directed to a facsimile apparatus that comprises a receiver that receives compressed facsimile data from a telephone line, a decoder, that sequentially decodes a portion of image data that corresponds to received facsimile data to obtain non-compressed image data, whenever a fixed amount of facsimile data constituting part of an image is received, and a generator, which sequentially generates reduced-size image data corresponding to the non-compressed image data by changing the size of the non-compressed image data that has been decoded, for displaying the reduced-size image on a display. Also provided are a display, for sequentially displaying the reduced-size image based upon the reduced-size image generated before all the reduced-size image data has been generated, a detector for detecting what command has been entered while sequentially displaying the reduced-size image, and a printer for printing out facsimile data corresponding to the reduced-size image

displayed on the display, when the detected command is a print command, even during reception of facsimile data. In addition, a deletion unit deletes facsimile data that corresponds to the reduced-size image displayed on the display, when the detected command is a delete command, even during reception of facsimile data.

The language newly-added to the claims is supported by Fig. 3 and the explanation of Fig. 3 at page 9, line 1, to page 15, line 9, in the specification.

Among other notable features of an apparatus according to Claim 10 is that the claimed facsimile device displays a portion of the compressed image data that is being received as a preview image. As a result a user can give the facsimile device an instruction about what to do next (e.g., to print or to delete) even while reception of the facsimile data is still going on. In contrast, none of the cited documents discloses this feature.

*Ito* relates to an image communication device for communicating image data using a plurality of channels. *Ito* discusses dividing an image into a plurality of blocks, encoding image data in a unit of block and transmitting the encoded image data through two channels assigned on block unit basis. On the reception side, received image data is decoded on a block unit basis and output immediately. This device makes a buffer to absorb the difference of the delay time between information channels is unnecessary. However, Applicant has found nothing in *Ito* that would in any way suggest outputting data in parallel with reading the data, and in fact nothing in *Ito* suggests any concern with or interest in the size of the received image or its display size.

*Takahashi* fails to remedy the deficiencies of *Ito*. *Takahashi* relates to a database outputting data having required contents cut out from received data as a result to retrieval according to need. *Takahashi* fails to disclose conversion of data based on the size of

received image and the display size.

*Shimizu* relates to a device that stores an entire body of received image data in an image memory. The stored image data is re-stored in a video memory so as to correct the vertical direction of the image data, and the corrected image data is then displayed.

*Sasai* merely provides a block diagram showing a facsimile device, and does not disclose how components of the facsimile process which data.

Applicant therefore submits that none of the cited documents discloses that (1) reception of compressed facsimile data and display of the received facsimile data should be performed in parallel, or (2) change of a size of a portion of received compressed facsimile data in accordance with a display size. No possible combination of the teachings of the four cited patents is believed to provide even a suggestion of these two features recited in Claim 10.

Accordingly, Applicant submits that Claim 10 is patentable over the art cited against it.

Independent Claims 12 and 13 recite features similar to those discussed above with respect to Claim 10 and therefore are also believed to be patentable over the cited prior art for the reasons discussed above.

The other claim in this application is dependent Claim 10, and is therefore believed patentable for the same reasons. Since each dependent claim is also deemed to define an additional aspect of the invention, however, the individual reconsideration of the patentability of Claim 11 on its own merits is respectfully requested.

This Amendment After Final Action is believed clearly to place this application in condition for allowance and its entry is therefore believed proper under 37 C.F.R. § 1.116. In any event, however, entry of this Amendment After Final Action, as an earnest effort

to advance prosecution and reduce the number of issues, is respectfully requested. Should the Examiner believe that issues remain outstanding, he is respectfully requested to contact Applicant's undersigned attorney in an effort to resolve such issues and advance the case to issue.

In view of the foregoing amendments and remarks, Applicant respectfully requests favorable reconsideration and early passage to issue of the present application.

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